



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

## Public Safety Services



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# Memo

TO: Plan Review & Inspections  
FROM: Jerry W. Jones - Deputy Assistant Secretary/Chief Architect  
SUBJECT: Office/Sales/Warehouse/Shop Protection  
DATE: July 27, 1998

In small facilities of 10,000 sq. ft. or less where business or mercantile occupancies are combined with storage or industrial occupancies, the protection requirements of 101:26-3.2 and 101:24-3.2 shall not apply when the area of the office represents 25% or less of the total building area and the shop or storage area does not contain high hazard materials, operations, or processes.

In large facilities of more than 10,000 s.f. where business or mercantile occupancies are combined with storage or industrial occupancies, the protection requirements of 101:26-3.2 and 101:24-3.2 shall not apply when the area of the office represents 2500 sq. ft. or less of the total building area and the shop or storage area does not contain or house high hazard material, operations, or processes.

High hazard content areas, as defined in NFPA 101:4-2, shall be protected by both fire rated construction and an automatic extinguishing system. General storage and industrial areas in facilities that do not qualify for the exceptions referenced above shall be protected by either one hour fire rated construction or an automatic extinguishing system.

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